IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: F. Venema

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For: METHOD FOR LOWERING BOTH SEQUENCE VARIATIONS AND INCREASE OF BASE

LINE EFFECTS IN A DIAGNOSTIC HYBRIDISATION ASSAY, ASSAY FOR PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD AND PROBE FOR USE IN THE ASSAY

Date: January 12, 2009

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2008 (hereinafter "the Action") regarding the above-referenced patent application. A petition for Extension of Time is included herewith. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.